

Forest Plan Amendment Number 18
Custer National Forest
Billings, Montana

The Custer National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan will be amended by replacing the table on pages 77 and 78 under A. Description, with the following.

Name and Description	Status *	Ranger District	Acres
Poker Jim	Established RNA	Ashland	363 <i>556</i>
Two Top-Big Top	Established RNA	Medora	14 <i>(ca. 80 ac)</i>
Limber Pine	Established RNA	Medora	681
Sheyenne Springs	Established RNA	Sheyenne	57 <i>from Sheyenne T. #2 - remain acres drop</i>
Lost Water Canyon	Proposed RNA	Beartooth	1,756
Line Creek Plateau	Candidate RNA	Beartooth	Undetermined
Upper Hellroaring	Candidate RNA	Beartooth	Undetermined
White Rock Springs	Candidate SIA	Sioux	60
Deer Draw	Candidate RNA	Sioux	Undetermined
Black Cottonwood	Candidate Botanical SIA	Medora	Undetermined
Bullion Butte Escarpment	Candidate Botanical SIA	Medora	Undetermined
Burning Coal Vein	Candidate Geological SIA	Medora	Undetermined
Denbigh Experimental Forest	Candidate Biological SIA	Denbigh	Undetermined
Ice Caves	Candidate Geological SIA	Medora	Undetermined
Sheyenne Terrace #1 ¹	Evaluated for RNA classification but did not meet the criteria.	Sheyenne	Undetermined
Pretty Butte	Candidate Botanical SIA	Medora	Undetermined
Black Butte	Candidate Botanical SIA	Medora	Undetermined

* Status as of April 1993. SIA is Special Interest Area

¹ Sheyenne Terrace #1 was evaluated and did not meet the criteria for classification as an RNA. It may be considered as a candidate botanical SIA.

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Administratively Designated Areas on the Custer

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Poker Jim RNA	363 acres
Two Top-Big Top RNA	80 acres (approx)
Limber Pines RNA	681 acres
Sheyenne Springs RNA	57 acres
Denbigh Experimental Forest	40 acres
Capitol Rock National Natural Landmark	240 acres
The Castles National Natural Landmark	1005 acres
Denbigh Purchase Unit (adjacent to and managed as part of the Denbigh Experimental Forest)	596 acres
Souris Purchase Unit (managed cooperatively between Region 1 and the Rocky Mtn F&RES under an MOU)	107 acres

The Beartooth Highway Scenic Byway (US 212) was designated as a scenic byway in 1989 by the Chief. It covers 69 miles from Red Lodge to the northeastern entrance of Yellowstone National Park. This section crosses the Custer, Gallatin, and Shoshone NFs. I haven't been able to find a copy of the designation order yet to be able to give you any more details.

Areas Proposed for Administrative Designation*

Proposed RNA:	
Lost Water Canyon	1756 acres
Candidate RNAs:	
Line Creek Plateau	25,000 acres**
Upper Hellroaring	5000 acres**
Deer Draw	15 acres**
Candidate/Nominated SIAs:	
White Rock Springs	60 acres
Black Cottonwood Botanical	120 acres
Bullion Butte Botanical	1880 acres
Denbigh Botanical (associated with Denbigh PU/EF)	596 acres?
Pretty Butte Botanical	360 acres
Black Butte Botanical	800 acres
Burning Coal Vein Geologic	230 acres
Ice Caves Geologic	20 acres**
Bullion Creek Formation Type Section Geologic	560 acres
Slope Formation Type Section Geologic	190 acres
Cannonball/Slope Contact Outcrop Geologic	50 acres
Blue Buttes Cultural and Scenic	6505 acres

* Except for Lost Water Canyon Proposed RNA, all acreages are approximate.

** Acreages very approximate.